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ESTABLISH LITERARY LANGUAGE REFORM ASSOCIATION

Pei-ching, 12 October (NCHN) -- The Chinese Literary Language Reform Association, officially established in Pei-ching on 10 October 1949, will play an important role in carrying out various Chinese language reforms in the liberated areas of China.

More than 100 language experts from all parts of China, including delegates from minority nationality groups and some Chinese from overseas, attended the organizing conference, which opened with a speech by Chairman Wu Yu-chang. The association's constitution was adopted and 78 members of the board of directors were elected.

Chairman Wu stated that the purpose of the association is to unify work of all reform advocates of the Chinese literary language so that a constructive program can be pursued. He gave the five immediate goals of the association as: (1) to study ways of reorganizing and simplifying Chinese characters, and to utilize the Latin alphabet in pronouncing Chinese ideograms; (2) to study means of unifying different Chinese dialects by basing these dialects on the Mandarin; (3) to sponsor research on languages used by minority groups in China and simplify their ideograms so that more people will be encouraged to study such languages; (4) to ask the People's Government to help carry out the program submitted by the association; and (5) to continue propaganda on the need for literary language reforms to make more people aware of the importance of such changes.

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